

REMARKS

1. An Office Action requiring Applicants to elect a single invention for prosecution on the merits was mailed January 9, 2008. Claims 1, 3-8, 10-12, 14-17, 21-28, 32, 33, 38, 39, 43-45, 47, 48, 54 and 61-63 were last presented for examination. By the foregoing Amendments, no claims have been amended, added or cancelled. Thus, upon entry of this paper, claims 1, 3-8, 10-12, 14-17, 21-28, 32, 33, 38, 39, 43-45, 47, 48, 54 and 61-63 will remain pending in this application. Of these thirty-nine (39) claims, three (3) claims (claims 1, 21, and 43) are independent claims. In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement, Applicants submit this Response to Election/Restriction Requirement.

Election/Restriction

2. The Examiner has required the election of a single species for prosecution on the merits. The Examiner alleged that the originally filed claims are directed to the following three (3) species of a generic invention.

Species IA. Claims 1, 3, 5-8, 10-12 and 14-17 drawn to a method of forming and connecting wire.

Species IB. Claims 21, 23-28, 32-33 and 38-39 drawn to a method of a linear path of wire conducting wire.

Species IC. Claims 22, 43-48, 54 and 61-63 drawn to a method of forming a device.

Election

4. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.143 and MPEP 818.03(b), Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the claims of Species IA, namely, claims 1, 3, 5-8, 10-12 and 14-17.

5. Applicants do not intend to dedicate non-elected claims to the public and reserve the right to file divisional applications for the subject matter covered by the non-elected claims.

6. The inventorship for the invention of the elected claims is the same as the inventorship of record in this application.

Conclusion

7. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

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